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REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of claims 14-19 is acknowledged. It was indicated that claims 2-7 would also be allowable if rewritten to insert the adjective "said" and to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2. It was further stated that claims 9-13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 8 have now been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and it is submitted that these claims recite structure that is clearly not anticipated by the disclosure of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 3,189,803 to Doba, Jr. or U.S. Patent No. 1,737,741 to Thomas. It is quite clear that neither of these references is truly related to a modular capacitor arrangement where there are a plurality of modules disposed about a central network axis wherein the radially inner end wall of a capacitor unit is interconnected with the radially outer end wall of a coupling module. Allowance of claims 1, 3-8, and 10-13 (along with allowed claims 14-19) is accordingly respectfully requested. It is believed that this paper accordingly places the application in condition for allowance and is thus appropriate under the provisions of Rule 116.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is courteously solicited.

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